Statement

1. *Details of fire incidents occurred at Cochin Refinery Limited during the last three years.*

22.9.1993—Fire at Laboratory

(i) While burning vacuum residue sample in fumehood the FRP fumehood caught fire.

The causes of the incident reported are that the hydrocarbons got accumulated inside fumehood and due to accumulation of carbonaceous matter between the layer of suction of fumehood over a period of time, the gaseous mixture which caught fire might have carried the flame to the top and since the fumehood material also was of the FRP, it also caught fire in due course.

(ii) *23.9.1993—Fire at POL Wagon Loading Gantry*

While filling POL wagons, the wagons caught fire.

The cause reported is slippage of HSD while wagon filling was in progress. The filling hose came out.

(iii) *30.11.1993—Fire at wagon loading gantry.*

While filling POL wagon, the wagons caught fire. The source of ignition is reported to be static electricity.

(iv) *26.5.1994—Fire in the Reformer Units.*

The cuase of the fire has been reported as leakage of hydrocarbons as a result of coming out of the bleeder assembly which was left fitted inadvertantly at the shell outlet coupling of an exchanger. The hydrocarbon got ignited from the nearly that surface of the heat exchanger.

2. The Cochin Refinery Limited has taken necessary corrective action in order to avoid recurrence of such incidents.

Revamping the Public Sector Oil Industry

6253. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to revamp the project planning and implementation system in the public sector Oil Industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof and;

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) The Oil companies have well established capabilities, systems and procedures for project planning and implementation. Yet it had been noticed that there were time and cost over-runs in projects. Hence, all the public sector oil companies have been asked to further strengthen their organisations and streamline the systems and procedures with a view to eliminating time and cost over-runs. The Govt. nominees on the Board of the PSUs have also been instructured to keep a close watch on the implementation of porjects.

LPG Dealership in Karnataka

6254. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of LPG dealers in Karnataka, district-wise;

(b) how many new dealership were given in the State during the last three years;

(c) how many of them were given through to the Oil Selction Board and from the discretionary Quota and the names of persons in whose favour discretionary allotment was made; and